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TRANSLATION

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p>
2.	<p>With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p>
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4.	<p>Additional comments:</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>D1: FR-A-2 794 055 (ESSILOR INT) 1 December 2000 (2000-12-01)</p> <p>D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. Said document discloses:</p> <p>A device for aligning a first shell mould and a second shell mould with a centring station (3).</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the device known from D1 in that a first gripper (1) for holding the first shell mould and a second gripper (2) for holding the second shell mould are displaceable relative to each another and relative to the centring station (3) along a predetermined axis (6) and are rotatable both individually and synchronously about the axis (6), in that the centring station (3) has at least one spring element, the at least one spring element surrounding a circular opening (13), and in that the axis (6) extends through the centre of the circular opening (13).</p>			

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The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

Inventive step

The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of developing a device for the reciprocal alignment and positioning of two shell moulds to facilitate a large degree of centring precision.

This solution is not suggested by the available prior art. The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise satisfy the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.